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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Reportable Disease Database (RDDDB)

The Reportable Disease Database (RDDDB) is a vital component of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing program and has been providing data for management and policy decisions since inception. At present, DoD has no other system to provide timely, consistent information on the status of the HIV testing effort.

In 1990, the RDDDB was expanded to include requirements for reporting test results for all laboratory confirmed cases (active duty members only) of hepatitis B, malaria, and HTLV-I/II using the appropriate ICD-9 code. Reporting for other than HIV test data from central testing facilities to the RDDDB has not been effective and is currently duplicative with similar data being collected through the Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS).

The Tri-Service consensus list of reportable medical events was published in July of this year and uses predetermined selection criteria. These criteria were derived from stated objectives of each of the Services for medical event reporting. The principal goal of this document is to achieve data consistency and standardization in order to facilitate analysis and comparison of data collected by each Service. The Tri-Service consensus list of reportable medical events will be used by all Services. The collected data will be integrated into the DMSS database, where it will be available to all three Services for further reporting and analysis.

The requirement for reporting hepatitis B, malaria, and HTLV-I/II to the RDDDB is rescinded effective immediately. My point of contact is James R. Riddle, LtCol, USAF, BSC, who may be reached at (703) 681-1703.

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